

ALBERT LEACH.

JUNE 22, 1898.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAYTON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8755.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs have carefully considered the bill (H. R. 8755) for the relief of Albert Leach and respectfully report:

The record of Leach, as furnished by the Navy Department, shows that he enlisted in the Navy for three years October 19, 1860; that he served on board the U. S. S. *North Carolina* and *Vandalia*, and deserted from the latter vessel March 9, 1861; that he was apprehended March 12, 1861, and taken aboard the *Vandalia*, from which vessel he again deserted May 27, 1861; that he was again apprehended the next day, but again deserted from the same vessel on the 31st of May, 1861, with an overpayment of \$16.47.

No mitigating circumstances appear as excuse for the persistency of this person's offense against the service which he had sworn faithfully to perform, and the committee therefore recommend that the bill in question do not pass.